NO STEPS TOWARD A STRIKE BE-FORE MONDAY, ANYHOW.

Progress Toward Averting Labor Trouble on the Elevated-These Motormen the Best Paid in the World-What the Physical Examination Actually Is.

The grievance committee of the motormen and firemen on the elevated railroads decided yesterday, after a four hour conference with President August Belmont and other officers of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, to suspend all action as to a strike until Monday, when there will be another meeting.

Before the conference began Mr. Belmont had a visit from Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan, who remained with him half an hour. Neither would say what the object of Mr. Sullivan's call was.

The grievance committee consists of William L. Jencks, chairman; J. D. Woolsey, Frank Davis, J. L. Smith, William C. Hoff, Frank Parrish and C. Roselle for the motormen and Henry Penney and E. J. Duffy for the firemen. The firemen of the old locomotives are now employed chiefly as yardmen and switchmen

The conference was attended by General Manager Bryan and General Superintendent Hedley, as well as by Mr. Belmont Mr. Bryan said after it was over:

"No decision was reached, though both sides were in friendly mood. It was finally decided to have another meeting on Monday, neither side to take any action in the mean time. Everything is in the air at

Chairman Jencks said: "Some progress was made toward a settlement, but not a great deal. We do not want a strike if it can be avoided."

Grand Chief Stone of the engineers and Grand Master Hanahan of the firemen will not be sent for between now and Mon-

The motormen in the employ of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company make no complaint of wages they receive or of the number of hours they have to work in every twenty-four. The only difference between them and the company is over the question of submitting to what is called a physical examination.

The men have decided to refuse to submit to the examination, and they threaten to go on strike if the company insists on the examination being taken. The reason given by them for this refusal is that the examination is only a subterfuge on the part of the company to get rid of the old men in its employ and fill their places with younger men, who for a time will work for less money than the old men are receiv-

younger men, who for a time will work for less money than the old men are receiving.

The company denies the truth of this general statement; but it readily admite that if, as a result of the examination, it is found that some men are physically or mentally unfit to run a motor car, the safety of the lives of those who ride on the elevated railroads will require that the deficient men shall be retired from the service.

Some of the cooler heads among the motormen were calling the attention of their colleagues yesterday to the fact that if they struck for the sole reason that they didn't want to give to the service in which they are employed the highest measure of safety possible, they would not only assume a position which the public would not support, but they would put themselves out of jobs that they might not be able to get back. It was recalled that there are a great many motormen in this town just now who are out of employment and who would be glad to snap up the places made vacant by the strikers.

It is a fact that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has laid off a considerable number of men within the last few weeks, and these men are now looking for work. There are hundreds of others who have come to New York, attracted by the possibility of employment on the underground road, and for other reasons, who are now idle, and who would jump at the chance of permanent employment.

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It is said that among motormen throughout the country, a Job with the Interborough company is regarded as the most desirable to be obtained on any electric road. The reason for this is that the Interborough's motormen are required to work a smaller number of hours and they get higher pay for the work they do than the motormen on any other road in the world. Here are

some figures:
All the men who were engineers on the All the men who were engineers on the Manhattan elevated before the third-rail system was installed receive \$3.50 a day for nine hours' work. All new men receive \$3 a day for the first six months, \$3.25 for the second six months, and \$3.50 a day thereafter. The only wages for similar work that approach these are paid by the Southside, Northwest and onother of the elevated roads of Chicago. These three lines pay \$2.80 a day for ten hours' work.

Another comparison may be had nearer home. The motormen of the linterurban Street Rallway Company, which operates all the surface roads in Manhattan and The Bronx, pays \$2.50 a day for ten hours' work.

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The examination over which all the trouble has arisen is conducted by the Interborough company's surgeon, Dr. Leonard F. Pitkin of 911 Seventh avenue, a well known New York practitioner. Dr. Pitkin said to a Sun reporter last night:

"When I was directed to conduct these examinations I was told by Mr. Bryan to show every possible consideration for the old men and to let them off as easily as I could and yet do my duty by the company. These instructions I have obeyed.

"In one case, when the candidate, who had been with the road for several years, had failed badly the company told him to take a rest and go back for a second examination. In another case I sent a man to a very eminent specialist, telling him that if the specialist would say that he was all right I would accept the dictum of the specialist. "So far I have examined nine of the motormen. Of this number, eight have failed. "So far I have examined nine of the motor-men. Of this number, eight have failed. Two of them were totally blind in one eye and one had a defect in the vision of the other. Should a cinder or something else get into the useful eye of either of these men while he was running a train he would be hardly a fit person to discharge his duties.

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Another, and he was only 31 years old, had a such severe affection of the heart that he was liable to drop dead at any time

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"Still another was unable to detect red from green. Suppose this man's train should run into a danger signal, he should pass it, the train come into collision and many persons be killed or injured, what would be thought of a company which allowed such a man to run the motor car?

"Two others were deaf. A deaf man is hardly the person into whose keeping the lives of the patrons of the elevated should be given." be given."
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Dr. Pitkin said that the best way for The Sun man to get a satisfactory notion of what the tests were like was to submit himself to them. This was done. The sight was tested in three ways, by reading letters on a card, such as is used by oculists, the reporter standing twenty feet away (not thirty, as the employees say the distance is), by telling the colors of various skeins of yarn at short range, and by calling the colors of signal lights displayed at a distance of sixty feet.

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The test of the letters is passed if the candidate can read, with fair rapidity, those letters which are three-eighths of an inch high at a distance of twenty feet, first with both eyes and then with one eye closed. The reporter got through the two-eye test all right, but he fell down on the one-eye trial. Had he been a motorman he would have had to wear glasses while on duty. This the company permits in all cases.

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The hearing was tested by ordinary conversation listened to at a distance of fifteen feet from the speaker, with the back turned; by listening to the ticking of a watch ten inches from the ear; by listening to the vibrations of a tuning fork at the same distance and to the sound of a whistle at varying distances. The last test was upon the heart, tested by the ear of the doctor and by the stethoscope. If it is found that the candidate has no organic disease of the heart he is passed.

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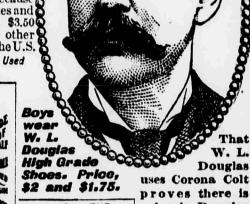
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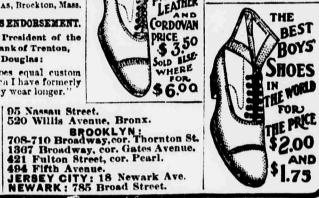
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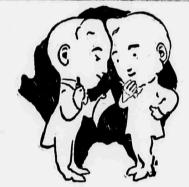


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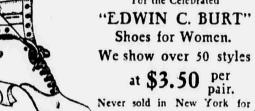
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